













Current megatrends





Source: «The Impact Potential of The Sahara Forest Project – a scenario towards 2050»



Trends can be turned

Rethinking resource use and production systems to create restorative growth



Rethinking resource use

Extractive use of resources

Sustainable use of resources

Restorative use of resources









Rethinking production systems





Restorative growth:

Revegetation and creation of green jobs through profitable production of food, freshwater, biofuels and electricity





The core concept



The SFP Greenhouse







Outside vegetation



- Structures used to evaporate brine down to concentrated solution and allow insoluble elements to precipitate out
- Provides humid and sheltered conditions for external planting





Concentrated Solar Power

- •CSP has potential to provide large-scale renewable energy production
- •CSP with water cooling can increase the energy production with 4-9 %
- •CSP needs water for cleaning of the mirrors
- •CSP is less efficient with dust in the air
- •CSP plants should be located in areas with abundant sunlight, but these areas often lack freshwater resources

How to supply the water to arid areas?



Synergies between core technologies

Saltwater greenhouse benefits from CSP

- Waste heat from CSP fuels desalination process
- CSP provides power for electrical installations

CSP benefits from greenhouse and vegetation

- Heat transfer to greenhouse and evaporative hedges; cooling towers are avoided
- The hedges and new vegetation stabilizes soil and reduces dust
- Greenhouses/desalination provides freshwater for mirror rinsing

Outside Vegetation benefits from greenhouses and saltwater infrastructure

- Greenhouse and hedges create a humid, vegetation-conducive climate
- Desalination provides irrigation water for outdoor crops





Concepts extensions





Providing value



Assuming 4000 hectares of Sahara Forest Project facilities:



Making a difference



- Knowledge Transfer: SFP will build training centers where local people are trained in SFP operations
- **Employment**: SFP provides employment for both high and low skilled workers
- **Fighting climate change**: SFP produces clean energy and captures CO₂ in the ground by greening the deserts
- **Conflict reduction**: Food, water and energy security are global challenges closely linked to stability and peace



Projects under execution



Jordan

- First presented to His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein in 2010
- MoU with ASEZA securing land and pipeline pathway in 2011
- Extensive cooperation between academia and business and strong bilateral support
- Finalized feasibility studies financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Projects under execution



Qatar

- MoU with Yara International and Qafco March 2011
- Scientific feasibility study completed
- MoU signed for building first Pilot Facility in Qatar February 2012
- Pilot Facility operational December 2012



Proposed Test and Demonstration Center





facilities 7 Evaporative ponds

The Pilot Plant in Qatar



- 1. Concentrated Solar Power
- 2. Saltwater greenhouses
- 3. Outdoor vegetation and evaporative hedges
- 4. Photovoltaic Solar Power
- 5. Salt production
- 6. Halophytes
- 7. Algae production

The Pilot Plant in Qatar



